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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS

Introduced By: Representatives Almeida, Guthrie, Canario, Hull, and Jacquard

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-52-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-52 entitled  
2 "Maintenance of Order on Campus" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-52-2. Appointment of campus police.** -- (a) The board of governors for higher  
4 education may appoint one or more persons who may act as police officers upon the property and  
5 highways of state colleges and universities subject to the control of the board. The campus police  
6 officers shall protect the property of each college or university, suppress nuisances and  
7 disturbances and breaches of the peace, and enforce laws and regulations for the preservation of  
8 good order. They shall have the same powers and authority as that conferred upon municipal  
9 police officers, including the power to arrest persons for violations of state criminal statutes or for  
10 violations of city or town ordinances of the city or town in which the institution is located. They  
11 shall ~~not carry firearms unless expressly authorized by the board of governors~~ carry firearms  
12 provided they have successfully completed the Rhode Island municipal police training academy  
13 or its equivalent and a firearms training program as required under section 11-47-15.1.

14 Additionally, any campus police officer observing the violation of any rule or regulation of the  
15 board adopted pursuant to this chapter, including but not limited to parking and traffic  
16 regulations, may issue a summons in the manner and form set forth in section 31-27-12 or section  
17 31-41.1-1 returnable to the district court, the police court of the city or town where the violation  
18 occurs, or the traffic tribunal as provided by law.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all fines and penalties recovered for

1 violation of rules and regulations made under authority of this section shall be accounted for by  
2 the appropriate authority, which shall forward all fines or penalties for ~~nonmoving~~ traffic  
3 violations to the general treasurer for use by the college or university on whose campus the  
4 citation or violation was issued in accordance with section 16-32-27.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require campus police officers who have successfully completed the  
2 Rhode Island municipal police training academy or its equivalent, and a firearms training  
3 program as required under section 11-47-15.1, to carry a firearm.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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